

second insulative protecting film, provided on the other surface of the insulating substrate, for protecting the second wiring; and

a terminal portion, provided on at least one of the first wiring and the second wiring, to be connected to an external electrical component,

wherein:

said first insulative protecting film and said second insulative protecting film are both polymer film, and are placed to cover the first wiring and the second wiring except for at least the terminal portion, and are bonded with the insulating substrate via an adhesive, and

at least one of said first insulative protecting film and said second insulative protecting film, which is connected to the surface on which the terminal portion is provided is thinner than the insulating substrate.

18. (*Unamended*) A flexible wiring board comprising:

a flexible insulating substrate;

a first wiring provided on one side of the flexible insulating substrate;

a first insulative protecting film, provided on the one side of the flexible insulating substrate for protecting the first wiring, the first wiring being provided between the flexible insulating substrate and the first insulative protecting film;

a second wiring provided on the other side of the flexible insulating substrate, so that the first and second wirings are on opposites sides of the flexible insulating substrate;

a second insulative protecting film, provided on the other side of the flexible insulating substrate for protecting the second wiring, the second wiring being provided between the flexible insulating substrate and the second insulative protecting film; and

a terminal portion, provided on at least one of the first wiring and the second wiring, to be connected to an external electrical component,

wherein:

said first insulative protecting film and said second insulative protecting film are both polymer inclusive, and cover the first wiring and the second wiring except for at least part of the terminal portion, and are bonded to the flexible insulating substrate via an adhesive, and

at least one of said first insulative protecting film and said second insulative protecting film, on a terminal portion side of the flexible insulative substrate, is thinner than the insulating substrate with respect to thickness.

Please add the following new claims:

19. (New) A flexible wiring board comprising:

a flexible insulating substrate;

a first wiring provided on one surface of the insulating substrate;

a first insulative protecting film, provided on one surface of the insulating substrate, for protecting the first wiring;

a second wiring provided on the other surface of the insulating substrate;

a second insulative protecting film, provided on the other surface of the insulating substrate, for protecting the second wiring;

wherein a part of at least one of the first wiring and the second wiring represents a terminal portion, said part representing the terminal portion being exposed and to be connected to an external electrical component,

wherein said first insulative protecting film and said second insulative protecting film are both polymer-based, and are placed to cover the first wiring and the second wiring except for at least the terminal portion, and are bonded with the insulating substrate via an adhesive, and

at least one of said first insulative protecting film and said second insulative protecting film, which is connected to the surface on which the terminal portion is provided, is thinner than the insulating substrate.

20. (New) The flexible wiring board as set forth in claim 19, wherein the insulative protecting film which is thinner than the insulating substrate has a thickness which is half or less than a thickness of the insulating substrate.

21. (New) The flexible wiring board as set forth in claim 19, wherein:

only the first wiring has said terminal portion, and

an end of the second insulative protecting film closer to the terminal portion is farther away from an end of the insulating substrate where the terminal portion is provided than an end of the first insulative protecting film closer to the terminal portion.